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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Kazuo ISHII

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Group Art Unit: 2876

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Amendment & Request for Reconsideration
Under Rule 116

Sir:

In reply to the May 1, 2001 Final Rejection, kindly amend this application as noted below.

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 remain pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled to comply with Rule 83(a).

Art Rejection

The examiner rejected claims 1-6 based on the combination of Bridgelall (USP 5,525,788) in view of Inagaki (JP 3-1285) and Nishimura (USP 5,436,439). The premise behind this rejection appears to be that Inagaki teaches the concept of scanning both the front and rear surfaces, and Nishimura teaches the concept of detecting the leading and

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